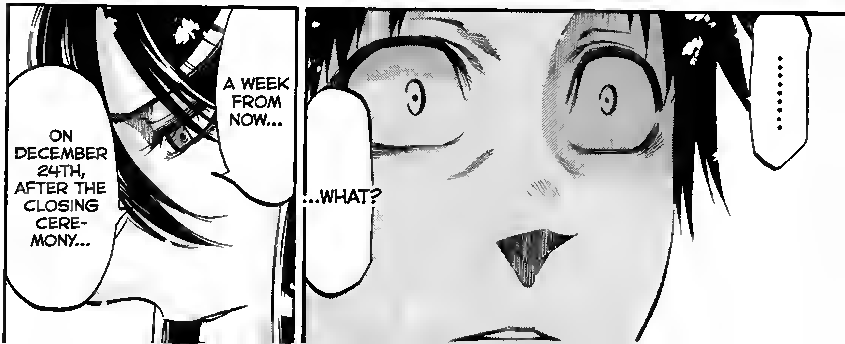
...THE REAL REASON...
YOU CAME TO OUR TIME...?
...I'M SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU SOONER.
BUT NOW, KUROMINE ASAHI... YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST.
SO I WANT TO ENTRUST OUR FUTURE TO YOU...!!
LAST CHAPTER SUMMARY: ASAHI MANAGED TO GIVE BACK THE 1000 YEN BUT NOT CHANGE THE PAST
...THE STORY WILL SURELY BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO HEAR...
AND I KNOW NO ACTIONS I TAKE CAN EVER CHANGE THE PAST
YET... I STILL WANT YOU TO LISTEN.

THE TRUTH IS... I, AIZAWA NAGISA...
CAME BACK TO THIS TIME TO PREVENT A FUTURE WHERE YOUKO-KUN DISAP-PEARS...!!
CHAPTER 178: 『"THIS" TIME...』


A WEEK FROM NOW...
ON DECEMBER 24TH, AFTER THE CLOSING CERE-MONY...
...WHAT?
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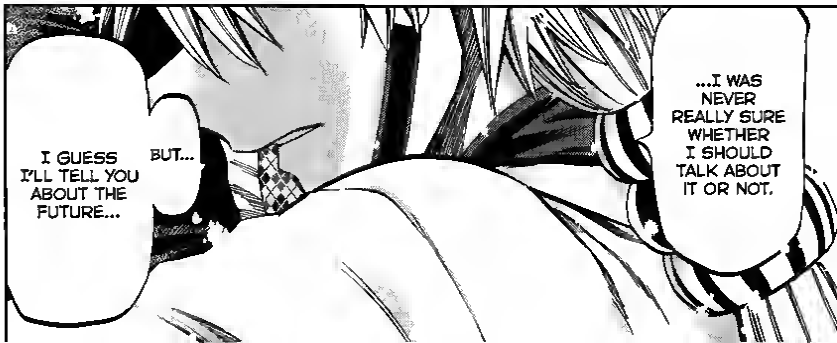
THERE WILL BE AN INCIDENT SIMILAR TO THE ONE YOU SAW 20 YEARS AGO.
AND YOUKO-KUN WILL NEVER BE SEEN AGAIN.
WHAT...
AFTER I LEARNED ABOUT THE INCIDENT WHEN I CAME BACK TO EARTH TEN YEARS LATER,
I VOLUNTEERED TO TEST A TIME MACHINE PROTOTYPE, THEN VISITED SEVERAL ERAS TO GATHER INFORMATION.
WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, CLASS REP?!
THERE'S... THERE'S NO WAY THAT...

RIN...
CHAN...?


...I WAS NEVER REALLY SURE WHETHER I SHOULD TALK ABOUT IT OR NOT.
BUT...
I GUESS I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THE FUTURE...

...FIFTY YEARS FROM NOW...
YOU'RE NOT MARRIED TO ANYONE, ASAHI.
AFTER YOU FAILED TO PROTECT YOUKO AND SHE DISAP-PEARED...
YOU EVEN GAVE UP ON GOING TO UNI-VERSITY...
GRANNY MIKAN SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE RIGHT THERE...
YOUR MIND SEEMED TO BE ELSE-WHERE, FAR AWAY.
YOU DIDN'T ANSWER WHEN CALLED OUT TO.. AND WERE ALWAYS LOOKING INTO THE DISTANCE.
AFTER GRANNY QUIT HER JOB TO LOOK AFTER YOU, YOU PRE-TENDED TO HAVE GOTTEN BETTER. IT WAS PAINFUL FOR HER TO WATCH...
AND AFTER A FEW MONTHS... IT HAP-PENED.

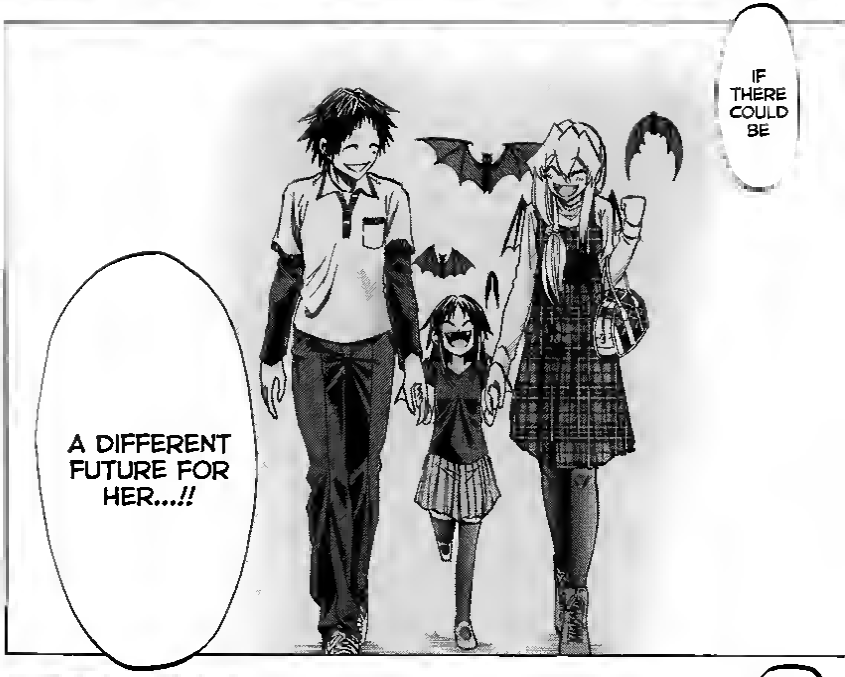
AKANE CAME TO YOUR HOUSE,
CARRYING AN ORPHANED BABY VAMPIRE IN HER ARMS.

AFTER THAT, YOUR DAILY STRUGGLE BEGAN.
TO RAISE THAT CHILD AKANE HAD PUSHED ON YOU, YOU LEFT HOME...
RENTED AN APARTMENT, WORKED AS HARD AS YOU COULD, AND EVEN TRIED YOUR HAND AT COOKING.
UNABLE TO MANAGE EVERYTHING, YOU WERE FIRED FROM YOUR JOBS MANY TIMES.
YOU WERE PENNILESS, CLUMSY, AND UTTERLY UNABLE TO SCOLD HER PROPERLY...
BUT...
GRANNY KNEW THAT MEANT THAT YOU HAD COME BACK TO US.
EVEN THOUGH YOU COULD HAVE HAD A LIFE OF YOUR OWN...
YOU USED ALL YOUR ENERGY TO RAISE HER.
THAT'S WHAT MOM WAS ALWAYS TELLING ME...

WITH THE SAME MESSY HAIR AS YOU...
AND THE EXACT SAME BRIGHT SMILE AS YOUKO.

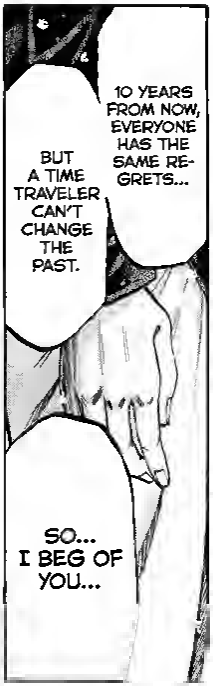
WAIT...
TH-THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE... HUH?! I MEAN..
WE HAVEN'T DONE ANY-THING THAT COULD'VE MADE A CHILD... AND...
IF SHE DISAP-PEARED...
SOME ANCIENT VAM-PIRES...
PRODUCED CHILDREN THROUGH BLOOD-SUCKING...
...DIDN'T THEY?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT ACTUALLY HAP-PENED...
AND I'M IN NO MOOD TO CHECK IT OUT.
BUT IF MY ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT, THEN RIGHT NOW, SHIRAGAMI YOUKO MIGHT ALREADY BE...

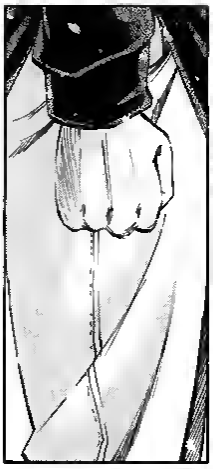
...OF COURSE, I THINK THAT MOM IS ALREADY PERFECTLY HAPPY.
...BUT...


IF THERE COULD BE
A DIFFERENT FUTURE FOR HER...!!

...HERE'S A MESSAGE
FROM 10 YEARS IN THE FUTURE.
THAT MOM CAN MEET WITH HER OWN MOM...
PLEASE, ASAHI.
MAKE IT SO

ASAHI, IT'S ME, MIHAN.
OHAY, ERM,
HUH? NAGISA... IS THIS THING RECORDING RIGHT NOW?! ERR...
HEY, ASAHI! IF IT ALL GOES WELL, I'LL SHOW YOU MY SUPER RARE PORN MAGS!!
HMM, SORRY, HUROMINE-KUN TEASING YOU IS JUST NO FUN WITH-OUT YOUKO AROUND.
JUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT SHIRAGAMI-SAN AL-READY!!
DON'T LET SHIRA-GAMI GO, HUROMINE.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO WIN IF YOU'RE CONSTANTLY REMEMBERING HER?
DO-DON'T WORRY, HUROMINE-KUN!! IF ANYONE CAN SAVE YOUKO-CHAN, IT'S YOU!!
CHIN UP, ASAHI!!
SMACH
I'LL TAKE CARE OF MIHAN-CHAN IN YOUR
OH WELL... GIVE IT YOUR BEST, PAL.
...HOW-EVER...
ONE SHOULD ACCEPT IT AND MOVE FORWARD.
...I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT, NO MATTER THE OUT-COME...





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TL LYENDITH
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QC BEANSIE
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EVEN THEN...
YOU CAN SEE JUST HOW WEAK I AM, TO GO AS FAR...
AS GOING TO THE PAST TO CONVINCE YOU WITH THESE MESSAGES...
THAT'S...
HOW PAINFUL YOUKO-KUN'S ABSENCE IS TO ME...!!

I'VE LEARNED WHAT IT MEANS TO BE DIFFERENT.
人と違うことを知った
その意味を知った
己の無力さを知った
I'VE LEARNED HOW POWERLESS I AM.
FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, I BECAME SCARED OF LOSING YOU.
失うことが心底怖いと思った
無性に君に会いたいと思った
I FELT AN IRREPRESSIBLE URGE TO SEE YOU.
願いを知った
I'VE HEARD YOUR HEARTFELT WISH.

THIS DESIRE TO PROTECT YOU...
WAH, ASAHI-KUN.
WHASSUP? HY ARE YA OUT OF BREA...
HUH?
YOUKO-SAN!
IT'S NEVER BEEN STRONG-ER!
THIS TIME...
THIS TIME I'LL DO WHAT IT TAKES... I PRO-MISE YOU...
I WILL PROTECT YOU!
SO THAT...
WE CAN ALL GRAD-UATE TO-GETH-ER!!

...WORRY NOT.
YOU KNOW YOUR GRAND-FATHER... HE WILL SUC-CEED...!!
Huh?
W-Wait, what's wrong, Asahi-kun?!
Huh?
What?!
I'LL CHANGE THE FUTURE... THIS TIME...
IT'S... KINDA EMBAR-RASSIN', YA KNOW?!
ERR, HELLOOO, ASAHI-KUN?!
I WON'T FAIL...!!
KUKUKU... THAT BOY, I SWEAR.
I EXPECTED HIM TO FEEL DOWN FOR A WHILE, BUT WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT...

I THOUGHT THEY WERE ALL JUST A BUNCH OF SNOT NOSED KIDS...
BUT NOW... THEY MIGHT NOT EVEN NEED MY HELP ANYMORE.
ALL IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN... NO, EVEN BETTER, ACTUALLY.
DAMN! WHERE ARE YOU HIDING, YOU SHITTY HAG?!
SHIRAGAMI GENJIROU'S WISH WILL SOON BE FULFILLED.
YES... ALL IS WELL.
EXCEPT FOR AKARI'S URGE TO OBLITERATE ME
AND NOW I LEARN THAT KIRYUUIN RIN DESCENDS FROM A VAMPIRE AND A CLAN OF VAMPIRE HUNTERS.
TO THINK AN EVIL BEING AND ONE WHO HUNTS THEM DOWN WOULD FALL IN LOVE.
KU-KU-KU...
REALLY... THAT'S WHY THIS WORLD IS SO...

I DIDN'T EXPECT... THE EXACT SAME STORY TO REPEAT TWENTY YEARS LATER.
PERHAPS MY METHODS WERE FAR TOO GENTLE LAST TIME...
DON'T YOU THINK? AKANE-SENSEI...
ARE FOOLISH BEYOND HELP.
MY, IT SEEMS ALL OF THEM

WELL THEN, IF YOU DON'T MIND...
I SUPPOSE YOU CANNOT HEAR ME ANYMORE.
...OH, WHAT A PITY.
I SHALL TAKE BACK MY POSITION AS PRINCIPAL.
AND THIS TIME...
I WILL DEFINITELY MAKE MY VISION OF PARADISE INTO REALITY...!!
TO BE CONTINUED...